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CUBANS GET ENTRY O.K.

363 Athletes Are Given San Juan Waiver

Mexico City, June 2 (Reuters). The United States today decided to allow 363 Cuban athletes to take part in the Central American and Caribbean games in Puerto Rico this month.

Passports belonging to athletes which had been brought to the United States Embassy here by special envoys from Havana were returned to Cubans today with approval for entry into San Juan, capital of Puerto Rico, an Embassy spokesman said.

The Cubans were not given visas to enter United States territory but were given a "group waiver," under which requirements for entry into Puerto Rico were waived for the period of the games, between June 11 and June 25.

Transport Is Problem

It was not known how the Cubans will travel to Puerto Rico, since Cubana Airline has flights only to Mexico, Gander, Canada, Madrid, Prague and Moscow.

A United States official said they might travel by a special flight of the Cuban Air Force to San Juan.

Symington Backs CIA Against Cuban Charge

Washington, June 2 (AP)—A member of the Senate CIA-watchdog panel, Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) defended the intelligence agency today against Cuban charges it tried to slip exiled commandos into Cuba to assassinate Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

The Cubans said they intercepted Sunday night a group of exiles called Commandos L and charged that the group was a front for the CIA.

"This charge has been carefully explored," said Symington. "The facts are that Commandos L have received no support or guidance whatever from the CIA, and is in no way a front for the agency."

U.S. Denounced By Cuban Exiles

Miami, Fla., June 2 (AP)—A militant exile anti-Castro organization today denounced United States seizure of three of its boats, and said it will sue for their return.

Custom agents nabbed one boat while it was ashore, Dr. Armando Fleites, military commander of the Second Front of the Escambray, said.

"This is land piracy," he said. The Coast Guard, Fleites said, seized the other two boats March 6 in international waters on an anti-Castro mission. The vessels and arms aboard cost \$40,000, donated by exiles, he asserted.

"We do not understand the policy of a Government that fights for the freedom of Vietnam and then tries to impede the Cubans from freeing their own country," Fleites said.